

Network Sharing: Which Innovations Will Shape the Future of Network Sharing?

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Abstracts

This report deals with the evolution of network sharing by Mobile Network Operators. Today established as a common practice, it is still differently undertaken depending on market and geography. We will thus examine what the main forms of network sharing are, how they are used and why by operators. Taking into account recent and coming technological evolutions, we'll try to see how network sharing could evolve, what new shapes this practice could take and what the impact could be on operators' business model from a competition point of view.

Network sharing is today a common feature in operator strategies. The main driver, obviously, is to reduce costs and increase profitability for the operator. However, because of the different ways possible of sharing elements of the network and because of both competition and regulatory constraints, the path towards cost reduction often differs from one operator to another.

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